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Inventors: Ralph James KNOTTS et al.  
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1. Transmittal (1 page)
2. Amendment After Final Action (37 C.F.R. Section 1.116) "Expedited Procedure" (9 pages).

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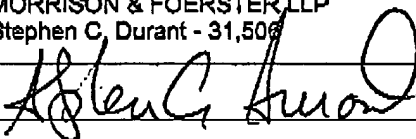
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated April 16, 2004, for which a response is due on June 16, 2004. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. There are no amendments to the claims.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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